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MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures	4,109
Maintenance reliability	93.9%
Cargo moved (tons)	17,525
Personnel deployed	590
Reservists activated	890

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Pride Day

Airman 1st Class Melissa De La Torre, 437th Communications Squadron, helps clean the squadron doormat for Pride Day Tuesday. Base-wide, groups and squadrons cleaned up around their work areas.

Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!



Recognition

We congratulate several Team Charleston individuals and units who received good news from Air Mobility Command this week.

Senior Airman Erin Brock was named AMC's Outstanding Chaplain Assistant for 2003. Our health care providers, keeping us fit to fight, also received command-level recognition, with **Maj. (Dr.) Greg Sweitzer** named AMC's top field grade provider for clinical excellence, and **Capt. (Dr.) Julie Jacobs** named company grade clinical psychologist of the year. **Jason Ham**, 437th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, is the command's nominee for the Air Force Association Outstanding Civilian of the Year for 2003. AMC also recognized the **437th Services Squadron** for running AMC's best fitness center program in 2003. Congratulations to all our individual and unit winners! You make us proud every day, and I know you'll make us proud in Air Force-level competition.

We also congratulate four local selectees for U.S. Air Force Mobility Weapons School: **Capt. Brian Collins**, 15th Airlift Squadron; **Capt. Steven Funanich**, 15 AS; **Capt. Louis Hansen**, 14th Airlift Squadron; and **Capt. Joshua Larsen**, 17th Airlift Squadron. Graduates of this course are weapon system experts who instruct, plan and execute all aspects of combat employment to increase unit war-fighting capability.

It was an honor to recognize our **enlisted promotees** at the wing promotion ceremony Monday. We look forward to even greater things from our promotees as they assume responsibilities of their new rank.

Distinguished Visitors

Also Monday, we honored local civic leaders who have supported the base as Honorary Commanders for the past two years, and who have agreed to stay on as Advisory Group members this year. Air Force Times named Charleston AFB best in the Air Force for community support in 2003, and the local community earned the Abilene Trophy in 2002 for outstanding community support. These are honors our civic leaders have helped the local community earn, and for their continued support we are tremendously grateful. Our local community is a vital part of our Team Charleston.

We thank **Lt. Gen. William Welser**, 18th Air Force commander, **Chief Master Sgt. Ken McQuiston**, 18 AF command chief master sergeant, and retired combat camera videographer, **Chief Master Sgt. Doug Morrell**, for



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Col. Wayne Schatz, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, joins local civic leaders inducted into the Honorary Commander Advisory Group Monday.

coming and celebrating with our 1st Combat Camera Squadron warriors at their dining out last night. Thank you to all who made their visit a success.

Around base

Thank you, too, to everyone for a job well done Tuesday on the Wing Pride Day spring cleaning. I drove around base and through housing this past week and saw people showing pride in sprucing up their yards. The base is looking better and better. We have a great installation, and with that comes the responsibility to maintain it as if we own it — because we do.

We're in the middle of our basewide initial response mobility exercise, and things are going well. Everyone's working hard, and we've already learned some things about our processes and how we all come together — active duty, Reserve and civilians — to get people and equipment on the road as tasked. As we keep building on this initial exercise, I have no doubt we'll do outstanding on our Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection early next year.

We look forward to welcoming **Col. Brooks Bash**, 437th Airlift Wing commander, back from his deployment next week. He'll have some time to get reacquainted with his family, but expect to see him around base.

As our commander returns from deployment, let me take the opportunity to challenge each of you to do something to care for families of people deployed from your unit. With warmer temperatures and our focus on base appearance, see if that mother left behind needs help with mowing or weeding. Find out if that dad needs you to watch kids for an hour while he runs to the commissary. Offer your neighbor a meal ready to pull out of the freezer and reheat. These small gestures can mean the world to someone who's supporting our mission by supporting a deployed spouse. These small gestures are part of what makes us Team Charleston — one family, one mission, one fight!

Keep up the great work, and be safe!

Action line caller concerned about on-base taxis

Q: I was out and about on base and happened to see a man walking from the direction of the front gate with luggage in his hand. Later that morning I saw a man and woman walking with luggage, and at around 3:30 p.m., while walking on McComb's Way I ran into another man pulling a suitcase and carrying bags. I asked him where he was headed, and he told me he was going to billeting, but he had to walk because taxis were not allowed on base.

I understand the need for security but what impression are we sending? Our motto is one family, one mission, one fight! People being reassigned here are also a part of this family. I'm not sure of the best approach to take but I think having people walking to billeting from the gate is not the answer. Here are a few suggestions: A billeting representative could pick up people from the gate; or, when a taxi comes to the gate, the guard can take their badge or operator's license and they would have to return to the gate to retrieve it. Another option could be vehicle dispatch. I'm sure there are a lot of factors I'm not aware

of, but I think it bears looking into. Thanks in advance.

A: Thank you for your recent e-mail concerning base taxi services at Charleston AFB. Air Force policy does not provide manpower authorizations for our lodging or transportation functions to provide an on-base military taxi service. However, if mission requirements permit, some limited base transportation service may be available from time to time through our 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Vehicle Management Flight.

Due to current security concerns, civilian taxis are only allowed on base when the driver has a valid Department of Defense identification card. Currently, our security forces are implementing new background check procedures to grant access to other civilian taxi drivers while ensuring our base remains a secure environment for our people and resources. We have contacted multiple companies to solicit their participation, and hope to begin soon.

Your concern serves as a great reminder: we all need to emphasize the importance of the sponsorship program to ensure our newest Team Charleston personnel and their families are being supported upon their arrival. If you have any additional questions, please contact the 437 LRS Vehicle Management Flight commander at 963-4191.

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston AFB a better place to live, work and play.

First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to action@charleston.af.mil.

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.

Three 'Truths' according to MXS commander

By Maj. William Rupp
437 MXS commander

I'm approaching two years on station and as I begin preparing for my change of command, several of the 'truths' I've learned as Airman, maintainer and commander come to the fore.

I use the word 'truths' not because I think they are necessarily universal (although they may well be), but rather for me they constitute an increased awareness of what it means to hold one, some or all of these titles.

The first truth: from the broadest perspective, that of Airman, I've reinforced my belief that it's all about the mission. Sure, we've all heard the phrase, but the problem is while it may be obvious to some, not all completely understand and apply it. The mission of Charleston AFB as I understand it is to generate aircraft to move cargo in support of our nation's defense. Our mission is not just to fly aircraft; that would only require aircraft, aircrews, or someone with a remote control apparatus. The 'generating aircraft' portion of our mission requires everything from maintenance personnel and infrastructure to life support systems, spare parts, fuel, etc. The 'move cargo' portion requires a robust aerial port. Neither of these generating functions works without dedicated legal, medical, finance, services and cops, among the many other support agencies.

In short, not one career field on base can claim to be superior to any other in performing the mission. Any career field with a hand in making the mission happen shares equally the credit for the wing's operational successes.

Some career fields, however, do have a more direct and immediate impact on the mission. The remainder assume supporting, but not subordinate, roles. Leaders and personnel in supporting units must recognize the relationship and be willing to adapt to the needs of the supported units as necessary to accomplish the mission.

The challenge is to convince proud Airmen in supporting units they're not inferior, but

worth repeating

"Take pride in the fact that you make a difference for our Air Force and our nation."



Maj. William Rupp
437th Maintenance Squadron commander

are necessary to support the people who happen to be in more directly mission-impacting units. Some units have done well in this regard; however, there's much still to be done.

With respect to my second truth, I've reinforced my belief that aircraft maintainers are heroes. Referencing my initial truth, we absolutely could not accomplish our wing mission without our hard-working maintainers. Whether it's the flightline folks who generate the aircraft or the backshop folks who primarily ensure the long-term health of the C-17 fleet, maintenance personnel are absolutely vital. Maintainers provide unique capabilities without which the mission absolutely would not happen.

I am forever amazed at the conditions in which maintenance folks not only survive but thrive. No matter how miserable the conditions on the flightline, or in the shops, our maintainers continue to generate aircraft. When headquarters identifies an immediate safety requirement, maintainers figure out a way to add it to the workload to keep the mission moving. Can't get a part for 10 days? Fabrication Flight will design and make one out of a piece of titanium. And our flying crew chiefs? Forget it ... there's no end to the creativity and resourcefulness of a maintenance guy with a broken aircraft in deepest Afghanistan. And what's a down day? In short, maintainers are all that is good in our Airmen. They may not be the only group with claim to the title, but aircraft maintainers are indeed everyday heroes for our Air Force.

My final 'truth' comes from the perspective of squadron commander. I believe it's possible for officers and leaders to do great things, but it's people who truly make a difference. I'm not talking about all people, but rather those special individuals within an organization who make things happen. Leading a large unit is not the same as running a smaller organization. Many of the skills are the same, but the effort involved in leading 450 folks just isn't the same as accounting for the actions and efforts of 40. One person can't do it. You hear time and again that the most significant difference between the U.S. military and that of Russia is we let our enlisted folks make decisions ... let me rephrase that: we rely on our enlisted folks and civilians to make decisions.

I've found it true that individuals at all levels go well above and beyond, identifying challenges and finding solutions, and taking soft, vague or sometimes misdirected guidance and turning it into success. All of us have these folks in our organizations; you know some of them, but there are likely more out there who neither receive nor desire recognition. Most do it simply because it's what we, as Airmen and Americans, do.

Truth comes in many forms and takes many different paths. I've come to believe in the verity of the concepts above and I've come to better appreciate the fine men and women who make them truths.

To the mission hackers and those Airmen stepping up to fill supporting roles with less glory but no less responsibility, thanks for what you do! To the world-class aircraft maintainers who keep the C-17s ready and safe to fly, thanks for all the hard work; you folks are heroes! To those individuals who despite all other factors find ways to make their organizations not only work but thrive, thanks for your dedication and professionalism. Whether you get formally recognized or not, take pride in the fact that you make a difference for our Air Force and our nation. It's been an honor and pleasure to serve with all of you!

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Civilian committed to AF for 3 decades

Story and photo by Senior Airman Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

A civilian in the Family Support Center recently received her 30-year service pin.

Linda Lankosz, 437th Mission Support Squadron FSC community readiness consultant, has worked mostly on Charleston AFB, primarily in the Education Office or FSC, for more than three decades.

"I never came into Civil Service with a plan; my mother had the plan," said Mrs. Lankosz. "She strongly encouraged me to go into Civil Service, so I did it to satisfy her. I was in my very early 20s, and in those days, someone that age seldom thought of retirement."

When Mrs. Lankosz started out, she began working with the Navy, but didn't stay for long.

"When I entered federal service, I worked on Charleston Naval Base," she said. "I'll never forget the first morning I entered the base; it was gray, and the sky had a gray overcast. I thought, 'Oh, Lord, I have to come to work with this every morning.' It was depressing. In comparison, when I came to CAFB, everything was

green with flowers. I loved the environment."

Over the years, Mrs. Lankosz said she has seen many things in the Air Force change, and other things change back to what they were before.

"I've seen the military downsize and build up again, only to downsize and then go through Force Shaping," she said. "We've gone from Total Quality Management to Total Quality, and now Results Management. Pregnant women left the military. There were only a few minorities, Women's Air Force dorms for women with WAF commanders, blue Dacron uniforms for women, open bays in men's dorms, open bays in working areas, and cleaning days on Fridays using buffers with wool blankets."

"I remember when (the 437th Airlift Wing) Civilian Personnel moved from Office of Special Investigations building to Bldg. 503 or the military personnel flight – all to present day status," continued Mrs. Lankosz. "I was actually part of the staff who moved into Bldg. 503 when it was first built. When we moved in, there was a ball field to the right of it."

Although surprised at her length of stay al-



Linda Lankosz, 437th Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center community readiness consultant, recently hit three decades of civil service.

ready, Mrs. Lankosz said she's not ready to leave any time soon.

"I love what I do. It meets my values," she said. "As long as I enjoy what I'm doing and the passion still burns, I'll be around."

Passover symbolism

Holiday starts Tuesday, with special meal

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

The Jewish holiday of Passover, or Pesach, runs sundown April 5 to sundown on April 12.

Passover was ordained in the Torah, or Jewish Bible as an annual week-long festival commemorating the Exodus from Egypt. The holiday derives its name from the passing over of the homes of the Israelite slaves during the tenth plague. Passover is traditionally observed for seven days. This holiday begins on the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month Nisan, or April 6.

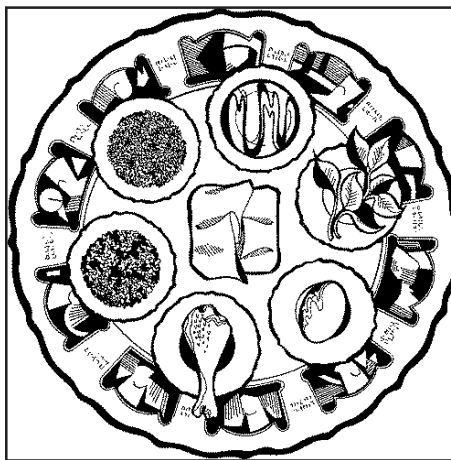
On the eve before the day of Passover, Jewish homes are cleansed of all leaven, or yeast, in accordance with the command of the Lord in Exodus. Typically, the youngest son helps the father perform the mitzva or meritorious deed. The young boy scatters a few crumbs in the corners of the house so the father may sweep them away and pronounce the house has been blessed and all leaven has been removed. For weeks leading up to

Passover, the mother thoroughly cleans the house in preparation for the great season of Pesach. After the house is free of leaven, the unleavened bread can be brought into the home.

One of the most important and cherished aspects of Passover is the seder meal. Seder, or order, is the ultimate home ceremony and the high point of the festival observance. A meal more than just a dinner, the seder meal retells and relives the Exodus experience.

People sit around the table as the pageant of history unfolds. A ceremonial seder plate is placed in front of the leader at the table. On the table are the various symbols of the seder meal representing the Exodus experience.

A roasted shankbone is a symbol for the ancient paschal offering.



A green herb, vegetable or karpas representing spring is dipped in salt water, symbolizing the tears shed by the enslaved ancestors.

A roasted egg represents the additional offering made in biblical times specifically for the holidays; while the charoset, a paste-like mixture of fruits, nuts and wine, reminding participants of the mortar used by slaves and a bitter herb like horseradish for the bitterness of slavery.

A special goblet on the table is set aside for the prophet Elijah. In addition to the matzah or flat cracker-like unleavened bread, three ceremonial matzah's are placed in front of the leader at the table. These represent the two traditional loaves set out in the ancient Temple during the festival day and the extra matzah symbolic

of Passover.

Eating matzah during the seder is a reminder of the haste with which the slaves left Egypt. They had no time to wait for the bread to rise. Today, many people set out a fourth matzah, usually referred to as "the matzah of hope," as a reminder of those Jews in many lands who are not yet allowed to live in freedom.

During the seder, everyone drinks four cups of wine, at a specified point in the service. The four cups represent the four promises of redemption made by God to the Israelites: "I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from their bondage. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and through extraordinary chastisements. And I will take you to be My people and I will be your God." (Exodus 6:6-7)

The key to understanding what the seder is really all about is found in this haggadah passage: "In every generation each person is obligated to see himself or herself as if he or she went forth from Egypt."

Wing spruces up base on Pride Day



Staff Sgt. Doug Campbell, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, removes litter on Pride Day.



Senior Airman Ebony Alexander and Master Sgt. Bart Walters, 315th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, clean up around their building on Pride Day.



Master Sgt. Israel Carrion, 437th Communications Squadron, uses a leaf blower to clean the parking lot near his building. Base-wide, groups and squadrons cleaned up around their work areas.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Road Rules

Motorcycle club comes to Charleston

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Andrews

437 AW Public Affairs

Calling riders of all ages: Team Charleston has a motorcycle club that's 'revving' to start up.

Due to concerns of Air Force officials, the 437th Airlift Wing Safety Office is helping start a private organization to promote cycle safety, due to concerns of Air Force officials.

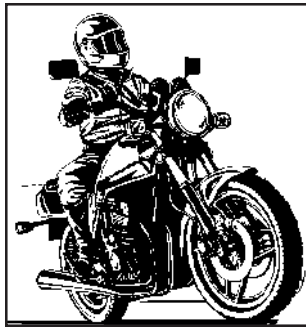
"Motorcycles can be a great form of transportation and entertainment, but they must be respected," said General John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff. "Lately, our Air Force members have been involved in a high number of motorcycle accidents, many of which were fatal."

A five-year review of mishap data revealed Air Force motorcycle mishaps are on the rise. There were more than 70 fatalities from 1999 to 2003. Males between the ages of 18 and 25 were at the highest risk of fatalities.

However, before a rider can join, he or she needs to follow the rules of the road.

First, riders at Charleston AFB must complete a motorcycle safety course.

"All military personnel and on-duty civilians who operate a motorcycle are required to attend an approved motorcycle safety course," said Dave



Second, active-duty personnel must wear protective gear.

The safety office said the following safety equipment is required: a helmet that meets Department of Transportation standards, eye protection, gloves, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, full-length pants, over-the-ankle footwear and reflective material.

Now that the rules are out of the way, riders can look forward to the base's new motorcycle club.

"In the past, motorcycling has been frowned upon by many Air Force leaders. Air Force leadership is well aware of the inherent risks of motorcycling and gets briefed on each and every mishap," said Lt. Col. Steven Dye, chief of Safety. "With the Air Force Chief of Staff being

Luttrell, 437 AW safety office. "Retirees, dependents, contractors and all other non-Air Force personnel who operate a motorcycle on base are highly encouraged, but not required, to attend an approved motorcycle safety course."

a rider himself and recognizing we can't prevent riders from enjoying the same freedoms they sacrifice their own lives for, the Air Force has changed its perspective. Instead of pushing away motorcyclists, we are engaging them and offering environments that will encourage safer riding."

The purpose of the club is to establish and maintain a spirit of camaraderie, encourage ongoing rider education and skills development, and reduce the potential of motorcycle mishaps.

"Safety will be part of the club from the ground up," said Colonel Dye. "A big part of the club will be mentoring, pairing more experienced riders with less experienced riders so they can learn while enjoying riding."

Active club members must have a motorcycle endorsement on their license and maintain insurance as required by law. All active-duty military members and civilian employees will have a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Course completion card.

To sign up for a motorcycle safety course or learn about the club, call the Wing Safety office and speak to Mr. Luttrell at 963-5595. To receive more information on motorcycle safety, visit Safety's internal Web site at globemaster/437aw/Se/motorcycle_safety.htm.

Heritage club gives opportunity to dance night away

By Master Sgt. Angel Newman

437 AW Public Affairs

Want to Tango 'til the cows come home or Mambo into the midnight hour? Look no further than the newly-formed Charleston Hispanic Council's free Latin dance night, Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Charleston Club.

The council, CHICO for short, is holding the third of its planned monthly dances and wants all of Team Charleston to feel welcome.

"There are few times in life where the atmosphere is clean and the ambience is full of energy — Latin Night is one of them," said Master Sgt. Antonio Forty, CHICO director of community relations. "It makes for a great night out in a comfortable and extremely amicable environment. We want everyone to come and enjoy ... and it's free."

With more than 20 Latin countries and nearly a dozen different styles of dance, people can expect some serious rug cutting, said Ser-

geant Forty. In addition to the Tango and Mambo, other common types of Latin dances include Salsa, Cumbia, Samba, Merengue and the seductive Brazilian dance of Lambada.

Think your ten toes can't Tango? No problem, said Sergeant Forty. The group offers free lessons from 9 to 9:30 p.m. each dance night.

"The only difficulty in learning any of these beautiful dances is the person's inhibition," added Sergeant Forty. "You have to let yourself be free and footloose. Every dance has flair and meaning, so one has to remain limber and, most of all just have fun."

As an added benefit, CHICO has partnered with Airmen Against Drunk Driving to provide free rides home.

The free dance nights were created by CHICO's president, Staff Sgt. Sonja Bragg. Her primary motivation was to give everyone a chance to experience the rich culture and music and to allow Hispanic natives to keep their traditions alive, she said.

"One of the goals of CHICO is to

foster interest and participation throughout the base in many aspects of the Hispanic society," said Sergeant Bragg. "Everyone is sure to learn and enjoy themselves by joining in and experiencing what the Hispanic community has to offer."

Forming a council to represent the many Hispanic countries, each with their own cultural identities and traditions, was the first challenge Sergeant Bragg faced. She and other Team Charleston members sat down and began brainstorming ways they could continue and preserve the Hispanic culture and heritage across the spectrum.

"The council is an avenue for people to become and to feel part of the many Hispanic ways of life. You don't have to be Hispanic to experience the rich culture, to participate in activities or to be a member of the organization," said Sergeant Bragg.

With Hispanics the fastest-growing nationality in America today, the group has taken on a very timely task.

"We really delve into the preservation of traditions and in the education of our community at the same time," said Sergeant Forty. "We exist because you exist. We want to have everyone enjoy a refreshing culture to the fullest and share it with friends and family everywhere."

The strategic vision of CHICO begins with involvement. "We vow to lead the cultural community by storm through participation in community activities both on and off base," said Sergeant Forty.

The council chose to call Saturday's dance night, "Latin Summer Prelude '04," The word 'prelude' being the key here.

"Think of it as an appetizer to the upcoming activities throughout the year which will be exciting, fun-filled and fulfilling for everyone," said Sergeant Forty. After this weekend, the next dance is scheduled for May 1.

For more information, or to join CHICO, call Sergeant Bragg at 963-5226.

Families of high school seniors may get to stay

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – Some Air Force families with a child entering the senior year of high school may get to stay additional time at their current duty stations thanks to a new policy announced this month.

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers up through the rank of lieutenant colonel, to apply for a one-year assignment deferment. Back-to-back deferments may be possible and military-married-to-military spouses may also apply.

To be eligible, the rising senior in high school must be a dependent of and living with the Airman requesting the deferment, and must be enrolled in the dependent enrollment system called DEERS, said officials.

Applications are available at military personnel flights and commander support staffs.

The Air Force Contact Center offers information about this and other personnel programs by calling toll free (800) 616-3775 or online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. **(Air Force Print News)**

Ethics regulations guide Airmen politically

WASHINGTON – With less than nine months until the next federal election, political activity is heating up in the nation's capital and around the country.

Airmen may want to get involved in what are some of the most fundamental activities of American democracy: campaigning and politicking. But as employees of the federal government, servicemembers must ensure their participation in political activities does not violate government ethics regulations, said Melinda Loftin, the Air Force associate general counsel for fiscal and administrative law.

The regulations are meant to assure the American public that agents of the government, such as servicemembers, do not have undue influence on the American electoral process, officials said.

Airmen with questions about what political activities they may participate in or with general questions

about military ethics standards should contact the legal office at 963-5285. **(Air Force Print News)**

AFPC works to keep people connected

Air Force Personnel Center – Computer connections getting you down? Techies at the Air Force Personnel Center have some words of advice.

There are many variables between AFPC and the end user, officials said. New automated processes across the military have increased the number of cases of hardware and software incompatibility, network bottlenecks and bandwidth problems.

Officials recommend the following steps when reporting a personnel-related computer system or connection problem:

Contact the local work group manager to determine if the AFPC system

is down. Ask if AFPC has sent out a Notice to Airmen.

Contact your work group manager or the 437th Communications Squadron service help desk at 963-3511 to ask about local problems. If neither of the previous suggestions resolves the problem, call the personnel system operations control center at AFPC to report the problem. The center provides year round support at DSN 665-3995, or commercial (210) 565-3995. **(Air Force Print News)**

Air Force eliminates inadequate housing

WASHINGTON – Air Force senior leaders spoke with members of Congress on March 30 about the service's requests for military construction funding in the fiscal 2005 budget.

Air Force officials requested \$2.6

billion for total-force military construction and military-family housing and an additional \$2.2 billion for sustainment, restoration and modernization funds. The total Air Force budget request is more than \$4.8 billion.

According to prepared testimony, the Air Force's budget request is higher than the previous year — that includes an increase of \$200 million for military-family housing.

Air Force officials said they expect to use some of that money — a total of about \$1.6 billion — to meet its goal of eliminating all inadequate military-family housing in the United States by 2008. Portions of that funding will also be used to provide more than 2,200 housing units at 16 installations, to improve more than 1,300 units at six bases, and to support privatization of more than 6,800 units at six bases. **(Air Force Print News)**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ricky Rose

First hawk in

Air Force and Navy specialists prepare to load a Navy MH-60S Knight Hawk helicopter on a C-17 Globemaster III during a load validation here. It was the first time a Knight Hawk has been loaded into a C-17. The test was successful.

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron is hosting a retirement luncheon for Frank Redman at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Charleston Club. Cost is \$9 for members and \$11 for non-members. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Kristin Stevens at 963-5528.

Around the base

CGOC golf tourney: The Company Grade Officer Council will host a nighttime golf tourneyment 4 p.m. today at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The tournament will be captain's choice. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$20 plus cart and green fees, and includes a barbecue chicken lunch and drink. All proceeds will go to the CGOC scholarship fund. To sign up or for more information, call 1st Lt. Sean Lewis at 963-2652.

Women's luncheon: The chapel is having a variety of women's luncheons in two one-hour sessions from 11 a.m. to noon and noon to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Charleston Club Carolina room. Topics include preventing date rape, recovering from broken relationships, coping with miscarriages, dealing with divorce, embracing self-esteem and recovery from incest. For more information, call Chaplain (Lt.Col.) Cassandra Thomas at 963-2536.

CPR: Charleston Outdoor Recreation Center will host a 4-hour cardio-pulmonary resuscitation course 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at the ORC. The cost of the course is \$40 per person, and a \$10 non-refundable deposit is due at registration. For more information, or to sign up call the ORC at 963-5271.

"Fit 2 Fight" loop

Parking at the "Fit to fight" loop is highly discouraged. Due to the probability of an accident, it is recommended not to park anywhere on the loop.

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

Staff Sgt. Jonelle Neeley 16th Airlift Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jonelle Neeley is an aviation resource manager for the 16th Airlift Squadron. Her primary duties include being responsible for the 16 AS aviation resource management in which she deals with all aspects of flight operation to include preparing flight authorizations, scheduling crew training and maintaining mission kits for AMC worldwide flight operations. She also monitors, collects and audits operations data pertaining to aircrew resources, flying-hour utilization, aircrew training and individual flight records, and maintains custody of visas and passports for more than 177 assigned crew members.

"The best part about my job is there is always something new to learn. Plus who else can say they work side-by-side with pilots," she said.

The Akron, Ohio, native joined the Air Force six years ago because she wanted to make major accomplishments and saw the Air Force as a great place to start.

Sergeant Neeley has been at Charleston AFB for more than five years.

In the future, Sergeant Neeley hopes to retire from active duty after 20 years and start a business of her own before her final retirement. She looks forward to being her own boss.

"Sergeant Neeley is an amazing NCO who works like two Airmen, has a super positive attitude, pays incredible attention to detail and is critical to our squadron's daily combat operations in support of OEF and OIF," said Lt. Col. Randy Witham, 16 AS operations officer.

Top 3 golf tourney: The Charleston AFB Top 3 council sponsors a golf tournament 11 a.m. April 9 at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The tournament will be captain's choice. The registration fee is \$20 plus green fees, and includes lunch and a beverage. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams. The hole-in-one prize is \$25,000. For more information, or to sign up, call Senior Master Sgt. Karl Wicker at 963-2205.

Commissary open: The commissary will be open on Easter from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Financial Peace University: The chapel is set to sponsor a 13-week financial freedom series through Financial Peace University. The first session is at 6:30 p.m. April 15 at the base chapel. The cost is \$40. For more information,

or to sign up for the class call Joan Hoyte at 207-9611.

Bulldog challenge: The 8th Annual Bulldog challenge is noon, April 17 at the Citadel. There will be four-man teams for a seven-mile course with approximately 11 to 14 stations. To sign up, or for more information, e-mail Darrell Brown at brownd1@citadel.edu.

Enlisted Heritage golf tourney: The Enlisted Heritage council is set to sponsor a golf tournament at 8:30 a.m. April 23 at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The tournament will be captain's choice. The registration fee is \$20 plus green fees. Mulligans will be sold three for \$5. Beverages are provided and a barbecue lunch will be served immediately following the tournament. For

more information, or to sign up, call Master Sgt. Michael Van Sant at 963-4436.

"Fit 2 Fight" loop: Squadrons who have the "Fit 2 Fight" loop reserved for fitness testing have first priority at the loop. All other squadrons are discouraged from using the loop during testing. For maps of the available running routes on base, visit the Sports and Fitness Center.

AT tip: Antiterrorism tip for the week is to avoid establishing a pattern. A predictable routine makes a person an easier target, and terrorists like easy targets.

Recycle: Curbside recycling pickups are scheduled for Thursday and April 22. For more information, call Cindy Lundhagen at 963-2690.

Chief's service continues after 60 years

By Senior Airman Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

After facing three different enemies over 30 years, being shot down three times, and a prisoner of war for more than four months, one man isn't ready to say "enough."

Three decades after he hung up his hat, Ret. Chief Master Sgt. Doug Morrell continues to give seminars a couple times a year to combat camera troops in the Air Force.

Chief Morrell spent the week at Charleston AFB giving seminars and speaking at the 1st Combat Camera Squadron's Dining Out April 1.

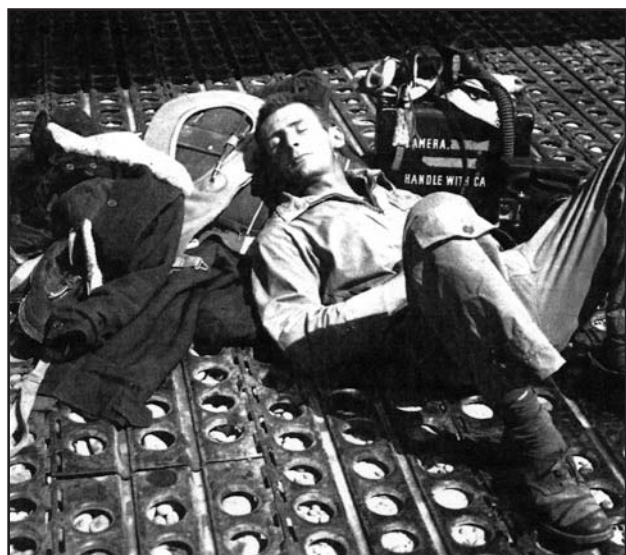
Before Chief Morrell joined the service in 1939, he had already begun learning the trade of shooting motion pictures, now videography in the Air Force. Although his specialty was motion pictures, Chief Morrell had aspirations to fly.

"I tested for the Navy, and they were going to give me rank equal to an Air Force captain when I came in," said Chief Morrell. "During an eye exam though, the Navy doctors realized I had a green and brown color deficiency, and they wouldn't let me join."

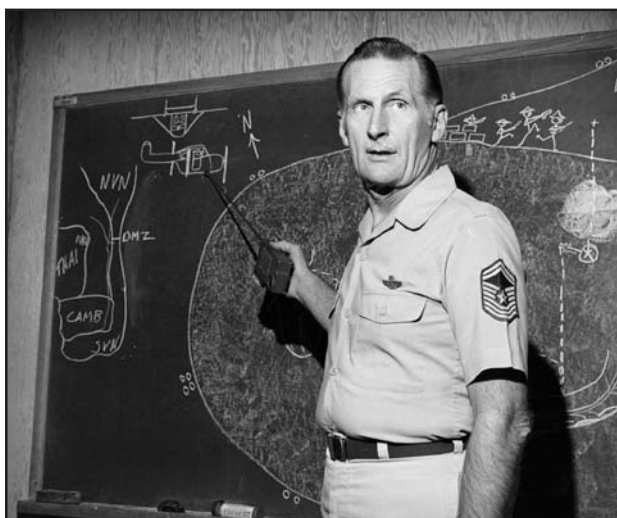
The chief then decided to join the Army and started shooting pictures for the Army Air Corps. Most of his work, he said, involved shooting training films.

When an opportunity to become an enlisted glider pilot came up, Chief Morrell jumped at it. Since the Army initially overlooked his color deficiency, he was accepted in the program. After flying as a glider pilot and sergeant pilot for a short time, the Army discovered the error, and he went back to the picture business.

Due to his time in the planes, the Army sent him to shoot aerial footage during World War II.



Chief Morrell rests after a morning mission over Italy before heading back out for an afternoon flight during World War II. In that time, he documented combat missions over Germany, Italy, Hungary, Austria, Yugoslavia, France and Romania.



Photos courtesy of Airman Magazine

Chief Morrell taught combat survival to aircrews at Norton AFB, Calif., in the early 1970s.

He shot pictures of fighters attacking in formation and bombs dropping.

"We used to go out on a little walkway that was about eight inches wide in the bomb bay of the B-24s," the chief said. "I would wrap a leg around one of the braces and shoot the bombs all the way to the ground, which took about half a minute."

Now, videographers can shoot many hours of film, but back then each roll was 100 feet of 35mm film that only lasted about three minutes. Chief Morrell said each scene was only three to four seconds long, and most of their shots only lasted that long.

Their films also made a direct impact on operations during the war.

"Our films were utilized for operational information, to show what the enemy fighters were doing against us," said Chief Morrell. "From several of our films we took one day, we knew the fighter techniques that were going to be used against us, so the next day our bombers shot down 200 to 300 planes. That's operation evaluation."

During the second World War, Chief Morrell was shot down twice.

His first time down, the aircraft received flak damage during a bombing raid over the Iron Gates of Romania, and they started offloading the crew at a safe position, but the navigator made a mistake when he was dropped off with another crew member, and they landed about five miles away from the safe zone. They walked for more than 25 days across Yugoslavia and Albania and were finally able to bribe a fisherman to give them a lift to Italy.

"Every time a plane or boat came by, the captain made us go down into the bilge," he said as he grimaced. "The bilge was full of garbage and fish guts. I still remember the smell."

From this ordeal, the chief returned to Romania to take to the skies again, only to be shot down again two months later.

"In 1944, we were flying over Romania, and we were hit by flak and had to leave the formation,"

said Chief Morrell. "Five or six ME-100s ripped us up and set our plane on fire. I was the last person to get out. The airplane exploded right after I got out. I just barely made it. Only five crew members made it out. It was a 10-person crew."

This time, Chief Morrell wasn't so lucky. He was captured and became a POW for more than four months. At one point, the chief said he was put into a one-meter square box and interrogated for 21 days. The Russians rescued all the POWs where he was kept shortly before the war ended, and they were the first to be released before the war was over.

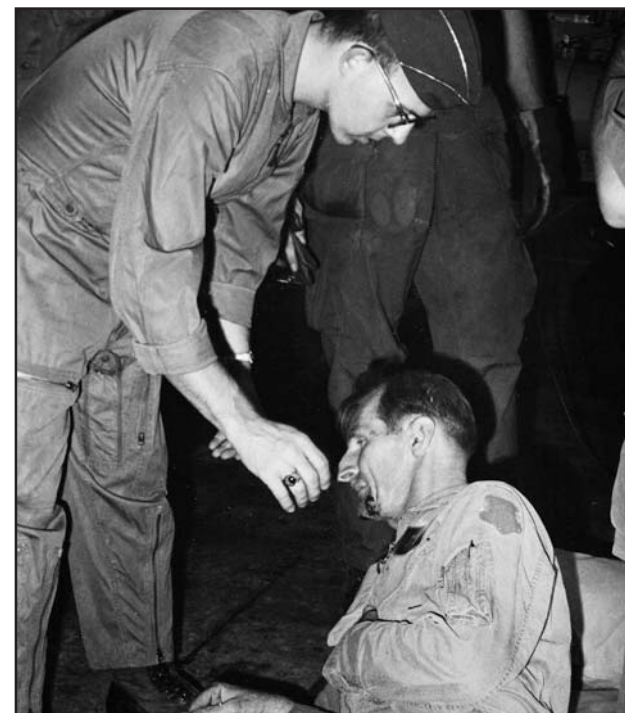
After being sent all over the world after the end of the war, Chief Morrell grew tired of the bit, and took a five-year hiatus from 1947 to 1952. During the time, he owned a commercial photo business in Helena, Mont., and after he sold it, moved to California. In 1952, the Air Force was recruiting combat cameramen for the Vietnam War, and Chief Morrell signed back up.

Once more, he was shot down during the Vietnam War, and spent nine hours on the Ho Chi Minh Trail before getting back to safety. The trail was used to bring supplies down to South Vietnam during the war, and was the site of many ambushes.

Chief Morrell spent his remaining time in the service in charge of combat camera units' standardization across the Air Force.

In the same way war has changed, Chief Morrell said he has seen combat camera change.

"Now, we're 20 miles off launching a missile," he said. "You never get to see the ending."



Chief Morrell is treated after being picked up by American forces just nine hours after bailing out over the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos in 1969. Using his survival radio, he called in a rescue team and directed fire on several anti-aircraft guns in the area.

Command Performance

First impressions mean the most

By Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Coney
437 AMXS first sergeant

It is often said first impressions are lasting impressions.

Over the years, I have found this to be a very true statement. Along the same lines, have you ever heard the saying, perception is 90 percent reality?

If you bear those two "truths" in mind as you prepare for each day, you can set yourself up for success or doom yourself for failure. What do you do to give a positive first impression, and give the perception that you are a professional Airman?

One tip would be to weave our core value of "excellence in all you do" into how you wear your uniform each day. When putting your uniform on think of the guidance in Air Force Instruction 36-2903; Dress and Appearance.

The AFI is merely a guideline that gives you the minimum acceptable standards. Your goal when wearing the uniform should be to exceed the minimum standards. Before you leave in the morning, look at your ribbons. Are they frayed and dirty, or are they fresh and clean? Are the devices crooked and tarnished, or are they straight and shiny?



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Airmen are taught from the beginning of basic training that from uniforms to marching, attention to details is and will continue to be important in the Air Force.

How about your battle dress uniform? Is it clean and wrinkle free, or does it look as if it just came out of the bottom of a laundry basket? Many times the little things such as the way you wear the devices on your uniform or the number of wrinkles in your BDUs will set you apart from your peers.

Set yourself up for success, and always present the most positive first impression possible. The resulting perception will always be in your favor.

WELLNESS TIP

AMC lost \$201,602 last year because of fatigue related, on-duty mishaps

- ▶ Sleep is the only way to overcome fatigue (8 hours for optimum performance)
- ▶ Performance drops after 12 hours of wakefulness; at 24 hours, a person's skills equal a blood alcohol content of 0.1 (over the legal limit in most states)
- ▶ Aircrew members require 12 hours of crew rest prior to flying – required for time sensitive actions and decision-making
- ▶ Physicians in training - 10 hours rest between on-call and the next duty day – required for safe patient care

SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

InfoGraphic by Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services: *Saturday* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. Daily Mass is from 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service. *Wednesday* - noon Protestant Bible Study.

For information on other faith groups, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

Movie schedule

Admission: 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.

Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.



Today, 7:30 p.m.
"50 First Dates" – Adam Sandler

Henry, a veterinarian at an aquarium in Hawaii, falls in love with a girl, Lucy, with short-term memory loss disorder, but he has to keep getting her to fall in love with him every time they meet in order for them to have a relationship, since she never remembers the last time she met him. **(PG-13) 96 minutes**

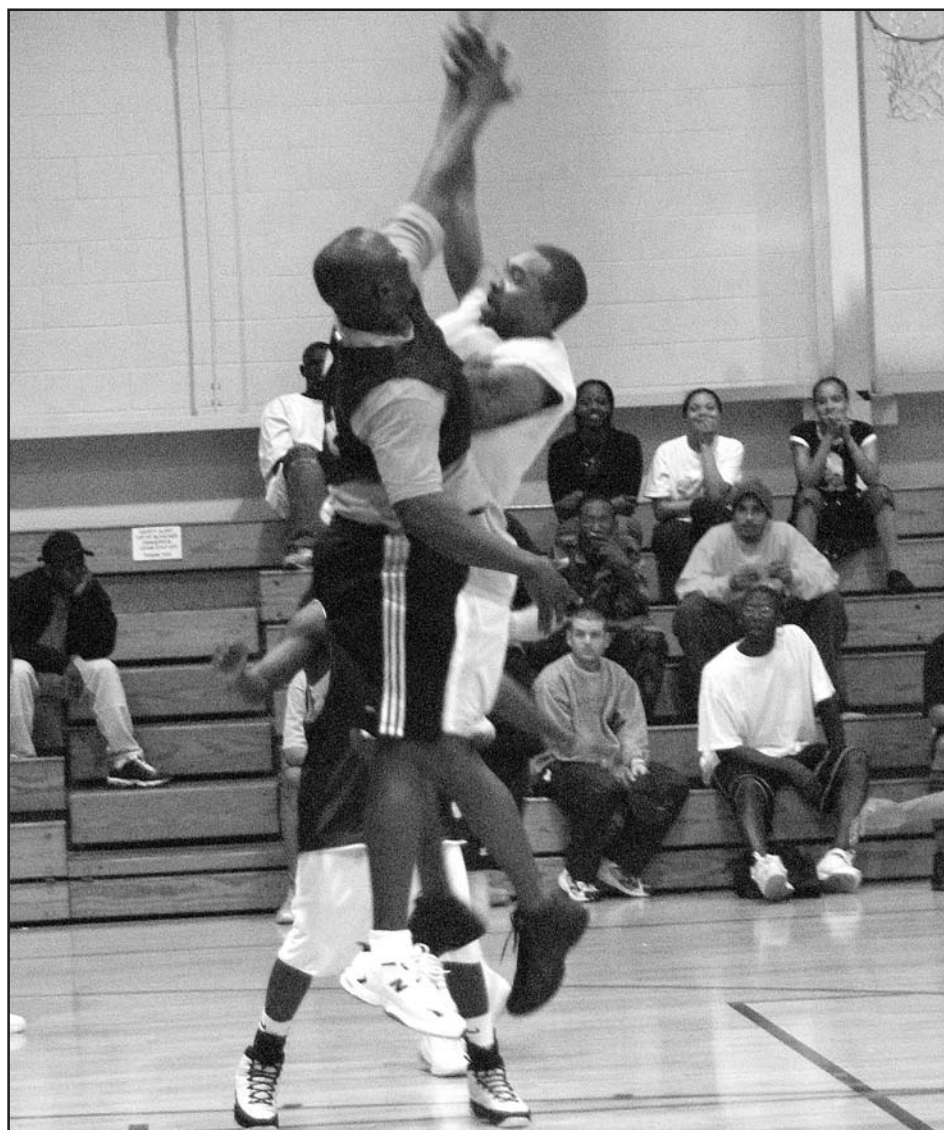
Saturday, 7:30p.m.
"Welcome to Mooseport" – Gene Hackman

A former U.S. president retires to a small New England coastal town to write his memoirs when his neighbors ask him to fill the vacant mayoral seat. A local plumber runs against him, setting off a surprisingly fierce and competitive campaign, in which the plumber is also battling to win the love of a local woman. **(PG-13) 115 minutes**

April 9, 7:30 p.m.
"Eurotrip" – Scott Mechlowicz

Scott thinks his German pen pal is a guy, but when he discovers that Miska is actually a woman, Scott and his friend buy plane tickets to head across the Atlantic. **(R) 92 minutes**

Basketball playoffs: Underdogs fight back



Bernard McDonald, LRS 1 player, and Christopher Pearsall, LRS 2 player, collide during the tip-off Monday night. LRS 2 came out on top, 65-50.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

By Senior Airman Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

Even if a team is the best of the best during the season, it means nothing in playoffs past the first round.

In a stunning round of basketball games Monday, the four top seeds were kicked to the loser's bracket, when the underdogs gained victory.

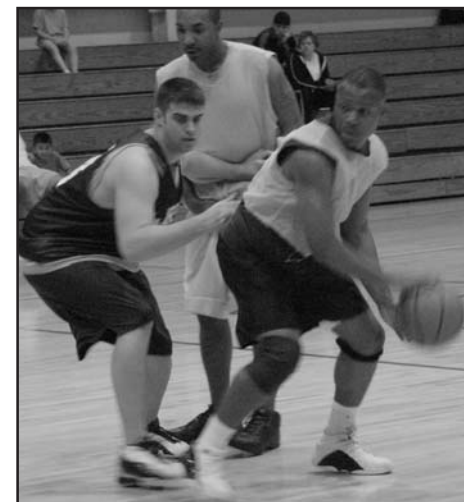
Astoundingly, No. 8 MXS beat No. 1 AMXS, 62-53, with points to spare. The two maintenance teams are rivals during all the intramural leagues, but MXS managed to come out on top of the nearly undefeated AMXS team.

When two squadron teams play each other, the commander is always on the winning side. No. 6 LRS 1, gave their commander much to cheer about and proved they were first in LRS, crushing No. 3-rated LRS 2, 65-50 during Monday's game.

The battles were on in the 437th Mission Support Group, with No. 4 CS taking on No. 5 SFS and No. 2 APS going against No. 7 CES.

The cop shop proved they could defend more than the base when they beat the comm squad, 63-54. In another unexpected defeat, CES ran over APS, 54-39.

Tuesday's games continued to tip the scales to the lower rank teams, giving MXS a win over SFS,



Kenneth Clinton, LRS 2 player, dribbles around guard Ken Baggerly, LRS 1.

53-43. CES needed two overtimes to get their win over LRS 1, 66-53. SFS and LRS 1 were moved to the loser's bracket after their defeats.

In the loser's brackets, AMXS and APS finally showed their rightful rankings, with AMXS coming out on top of CS, 64-54, and APS crushing LRS 2, 55-27.

As of press time, the Wednesday games results were not available.

On Monday, the No. 8 and No. 7 teams will face off for a spot in the championship game, and the winners of Wednesday's games will go head-to-head culminating in the championship game at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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